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6.001 Proposed Amendment

Dear Michigan Supreme Court:

I write to express my strong opposition to this proposed rule change to MCR 6.001 as it would be fundamentally unfair to criminal defendants and deny them the right to a fair hearing at a crucial stage in the proceedings against them. Also, denying discovery to defendants at the preliminary exam will surely result in a significant increase in the number of examinations being held (when they are now waived) helping to further clog trial court dockets. This is so because defense counsel would now have no information about the case at the exam stage and would be forced to hold the exam simply to learn about the relative strengths or weaknesses in the prosecution's case. I see no benefit, only harm, in the proposed amendment.

Thank you.

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